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SUBJECT: LITHUANIA CONCERNED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
AMENDED LACEY ACT

REF: STATE 126654

On December 4 we discussed reftel with Sigitė Kavaliunaite and Virginija Vinciuniene of the MFA's Foreign Trade Policy Department. (Note: based on concerns she had raised earlier about the Lacey Act and its applicability to Lithuania, we had previously shared with Kavaliunaite information regarding the Act's amendments provided by EEB/TPP/MTA.) We emphasized to Kavaliunaite and Vinciuniene that as a member of the WTO the United States must provide equal treatment to all our trading partners and emphasized that the Lacey Act helps countries with strong logging regulations and enforcement to compete more fairly with those that do not.

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